

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
Friday, February 21, 2014

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Community College Board was held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2014, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Mr. Chip Crane, Chairman; Mr. Lee Bush; Mr. Tom Gresham; Mr. Bubba Hudspeth; Mrs. Cheryl Thurmond; Mrs. Dolly Marascalco; and Mr. John Pigott. Mrs. Sue Stedman participated via teleconference.

MCCB Staff in attendance: Dr. Eric Clark, Mr. Jason Carter, Dr. Debra West, Dr. Shawn Mackey, Mr. Ray Smith, Mr. Raul Fletes, Mr. Kell Smith, and Mrs. Cynthia Jiles.

Guests in attendance: Mr. Chuck Rubisoff, Office of the Attorney General; Dr. Casey Turnage, IHL; and Mr. Dee Polk, Mississippi Economic Policy Center.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the meeting notice for the March 21, 2014, MCCB board meeting.

MEETING NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Mississippi Community College Board will be held at 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 21, at the Mississippi Community College Board, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi. This meeting may be conducted as a teleconference meeting.

PRELIMINARIES

Chairman Crane welcomed all board members and visitors and then asked Mr. Bubba Hudspeth to provide the Invocation.

Approval of January 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes

In a motion made by Mr. John Pigott and seconded by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2014 MCCB Board meeting.

Approval of Agenda

In a motion made by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and seconded by Mr. Tom Gresham, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the February agenda.

REPORTS/ACTIONS

Executive Director's Report

Dr. Eric Clark began his report by welcoming all board members and guests to the board meeting.

Dr. Clark reported that he nominated and Mrs. Deborah Gilbert was to be awarded the Mississippi Women in Higher Education 2014 Leadership Award. Mrs. Gilbert was traveling to Tupelo today and would be surprised with this award.

Dr. Clark reported that the Aspen Institute nominated 150 of the 1200 nationwide community colleges for the *Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence*. Seven of the 150 nominated are Mississippi community colleges: East MS CC, Hinds CC, Holmes CC, Itawamba CC, MS Gulf Coast CC, Pearl River CC, and Southwest CC. This award recognizes colleges that demonstrate strong outcomes in student success, in persistence in completion and transfer, and consistent improvement in outcomes overtime and equity in outcomes of all socioeconomic backgrounds.

Dr. Clark reported that he remains focused on the Legislature and provided a handout regarding statistical standing of academic training in Mississippi community colleges.

Dr. Clark reported that April 6 is *sine die*. The Senate passed a budget for the MCCB with a proposed cut of \$31,055.00 compared to FY 2014. The support bill for the colleges provides an \$8 million increase compared to FY 2014 and provides an additional \$1.5 million for dropout recovery. The House version provides \$11.1 million for the colleges and specifies the \$1.5 million to increase dropout recovery to \$3 million. The House proposed \$7.1 million in salary increases for instructional staff at the colleges.

Dr. Clark reported on the following bills: HB 424; HB 460, SB 2087; HB 426, SB 2370; HB 1523, and SB 2958.

Dr. Clark reported that the Governor's office has received the paperwork to proceed with the confirmations of Mr. Lee Bush's and Mr. Todd Hairston's appointment to the MCCB board.

Dr. Clark reported on the SWIB board bills: SB 2958 and HB 1523, and concerns that our agency and the community colleges have about these bills.

Dr. Clark reported that East Central Community College will host a night with Coach Tony Dungy at the Neshoba County Coliseum on March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Clark concluded his report.

Chairman Crane recessed the meeting at 10:08 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Career and Technical Education and Workforce Training Report

Dr. Shawn Mackey presented **Exhibit A**, the Career Readiness Certificate. This is for information only and does not require Board approval.

Exhibit B is the standard Workforce Report. This is for information only and does not require Board approval.

Exhibits C is the standard WET Fund Revenue Report. This is for information only and does not require Board approval.

Dr. Mackey concluded his report.

Technology Report

Mr. Ray Smith reported that he has received three responses to the RFI request for the computer system redundancy project. The three vendors have been invited to present in detail at the Creating Futures Conference in Biloxi. The goal is to have a vendor selected before April so that Finance can allocate funds to the colleges to purchase the necessary circuits.

Mr. Smith also reported that the demolition of the expansion wall for the data center has been completed and he will provide further updates next month.

Mr. Smith concluded his report.

Research and Planning Report

Mr. Raul Fletes reported on the Electronic Audit Reporting System (EARS) is now simultaneously collecting summer and fall data, which is a great improvement over previous data collection capabilities.

Mr. Fletes concluded his report.

Programs and Accountability Report

Dr. Debra West presented **Exhibit D**, the request for approval from East Central Community college for ten new off-campus sites: Neshoba Central High School, Leake Central High School, Carthage Career Advancement Center, Choctaw Central High School, Scott Central Attendance Center, Integrated Technologies Training Center, Winston Academy, Sebastopol Attendance Center, Neshoba Business Enterprise Center, and Lake High School.

In a motion made by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and seconded by Mr. Tom Gresham, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the request from East Central Community College for ten new off-campus sites: Neshoba Central High School, Leake Central High School, Carthage Career Advancement Center, Choctaw Central High School, Scott Central Attendance Center, Integrated Technologies Training Center, Winston Academy, Sebastopol Attendance Center, Neshoba Business Enterprise Center, and Lake High School.

Deputy Executive Director Report, Finance and Administration

Mr. Jason Carter presented the finance report on behalf of Mrs. Deborah Gilbert. Mr. Carter presented the Finance report, as follows:

Attachment 1 is the approval request for the March 2014 General Fund Disbursements out of Fund 2298 in the amount of \$12,752,849.00.

In a motion made by Mrs. Cheryl Thurmond and seconded by Mr. Lee Bush, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve **Attachment 1**: the March 2014 General Fund Disbursements out of Fund 2298 in the amount of \$12,752,849.00.

Attachment 2 is the approval request for the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements out of Fund 4080 in the amount of \$3,251,455.00, and Fund 4110 in the amount of \$82,112.00, totaling \$3,333,567.00, effective February 28, 2014.

In a motion made by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and seconded by Mr. Tom Gresham, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve **Attachment 2**: the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements out of Fund 4080 in the amount of \$3,251,455.00, and Fund 4110 in the amount of \$82,112.00, totaling \$3,333,567.00, effective February 28, 2014.

Next, Mr. Carter reported on:

Attachment 3: Financial Statements:

- (A) These are the Financial Statements for Funds 2291, and Fund 4111 and Special Funds as of January 31, 2014.

This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Next, Mr. Carter reported on:

Attachment 4: Fidelity Bond Renewal – Coverage from 2/5/14 to 2/5/15; Premium - \$1,073.00.

This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Mr. Carter concluded his report.

OTHER BUSINESS

In a motion made by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and seconded by Mr. John Pigott, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve rescheduling the April 18, 2014 board meeting to April 11, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

In a motion by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and in the absence of any further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Recorded by:


Cynthia Jiles, Executive Assistant

Approved by:


Mr. Chip Crane, Chairman


Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director

Exhibits:

Career Readiness Certificate
Workforce Report
WET Fund Reports
Programs and Accountability _ East Central CC _ off-site
Finance Report
Dr. Clark's Handouts & News Articles

Exhibit A
Exhibit B
Exhibit C
Exhibit D
Separate Agenda